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The Director of Land and Water Management finds that the Fish Creek Management Plan meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 and 11 AAC 55.010-.030 for land use plans and does hereby adopt it as policy for state land within the planning area.

Tom Hawkins

Tom Hawkins  
Director  
Division of Land and Water Management

8/14/84

Date

I concur:

Esther C Wunnicke

Esther Wunnicke  
Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

8/15/84

Date

# Matanuska ~ Susitna Borough

## assembly memorandum

no. A.M. 84-244

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

6-19-84 *Chris L.*

date: 6/12/84

from: Planning Department

subject: Fish Creek Management Plan

Forwarded herewith is a copy of the Fish Creek Management Plan, Public Review Draft of April 1984. This document is the result of a joint planning effort of Alaska DNR, other State agencies, and Borough staffs. It is based upon guidelines within the Willow Sub-basin Plan for two management units - i.e. "Fish Creek" and "Moraine Ridge". Management plans are the most detailed plans undertaken by DNR. As you will see, the primary use of most lands in this planning area is agriculture with settlement associated with Moraine Ridge unit. The plan addresses both Borough and State lands; and if adopted, will represent official DNR and Borough policy for these lands.

The Borough Planning Commission held a public hearing on the plan during the period allowed for public and agency review and recommends its approval by the Assembly. One issue unresolved by the plan was the route to be followed by the major north-south primary road through the project. The Planning Commission, Ag Advisory Board and Planning Department staff recommends "Alternative 1" which would "hug" the base of Moraine Ridge. This is also the position taken by the State.

Based upon comments received after the Planning Commission review, the DNR Planning Team has recommended minor changes to the plan. The more significant changes are shown below:

1. The land identified around Flathorn Lake will be retained in public ownership rather than sold with a public easement;
2. Selective cutting of trees along streams within a 100' strip will be allowed;
3. MEA easements will be planned within the road ROW's; and
4. All phase II roads and all Phase III roads that provide access to the Susitna Corridor will be retained in public ownership.

The Administration recommends that the Assembly adopt the Fish Creek Management Plan, Public Review Draft dated April

1984 incorporating the Alternative 1 primary north-south road alignment and with changes mentioned above.

Since funding for road construction in connection with this project is not prioritized by the State as yet and since the latest State policy regarding agricultural development is to encourage development of previously disposed of agricultural lands prior to undertaking new projects, the Administration is recommending that the Assembly use the most flexible means of approving this plan - that is by approval of this Assembly memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Stickles  
Planning Director

Reviewed and approved:



Gary Thurlow, Manager